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Remarks:

Regarding the Restriction Requirement:

Responsive to the Examiner's restriction of the claims, the applicant elects the subject matter of "Group I", namely claims 1-19, 21, 23-25, 27, 29, 31, 32, 34, 37-39, and 158-164.

Regarding the Election of Species Requirement:

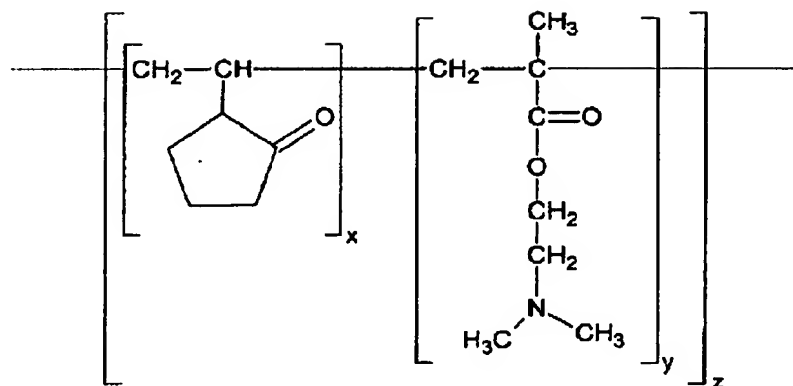
Responsive to the Examiner's division of the claims into plural "species", the applicant elects the subject matter of the "species 6" claims, namely corresponding to claims 1-3, 15, 16, 25, 27, 29, 31, 32, 34, 37-39, and 158-166.

To facilitate the Examiner in his search and consideration, a particularly preferred member of the "species 6" is a copolymer of vinylpyrrolidone with dimethylaminoethylmethacrylate, which is disclosed as a constituent of Ex. 9 of applicant's Table 1 as "Copolymer 958". This material is generally described in the applicant's specification as follows:

"An example of polymer (1) is a vinylpyrrolidone/dimethylaminoethylmethacrylate copolymer having the formula:

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wherein x , y and z are at least 1 and have values selected such that the total molecular weight of the vinylpyrrolidone/dimethylamino ethylmethacrylate copolymer is at least 10,000 and can range up to an average molecular weight of about 1,200,000.

Polymers of this type are available under tradename Copolymer 845, Copolymer 937, and Copolymer 958 from ISP."

PETITION FOR A ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

The applicants respectfully petition for a one-month extension of time in order to permit for the timely entry of this response. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 14-1263 with respect to this petition.

CONDITIONAL AUTHORIZATION FOR FEES

Should any further fee be required by the Commissioner in order to permit the timely entry of this paper, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any such fee to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

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